

**UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Vincent A. Newberg	Board Chair
Craig Humphreys	Board Vice Chair
Brian Cottam	Board Member
Stephen Higgs	Board Member
Eric Miller	Board Member
Frank Park	Board Member
Mike Phillips	Board Member
Jason Poulsen	Board Member
Attorney Kevin Bolander	Assistant Attorney General

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Pete Hackford	Board Member
Jared Larson	Board Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Coy Porter	State Fire Marshal
Ted Black	Chief Deputy Fire Marshal
Mark Burton	State Fire Marshal Office
Oliver Moore	State Fire Marshal Office
Deanne Mousley	State Fire Marshal Office
Mike Riley	State Fire Marshal Office
Kelly Snow	State Fire Marshal Office
Bryan Thatcher	State Fire Marshal Office

**PRESENT**

Many members of the public and the fire service were in attendance at this meeting. The attendance log is kept with the full record of the meeting, recording and all other related paperwork.

**Item #1** on the agenda, Board meeting called to order by Board Chair Vincent Newberg. The meeting started at 8:30 A.M., at the South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers.

**Item #2** on the agenda was approval of the July 14, 2015 Board meeting minutes. Motion made to approve minutes as written by Board Member Phillips, seconded by Board Member Park, motion passed unanimously.

**Item #3** on the agenda was report to the Board by Gary Hodson, Council Chair, Fire Service

Standards and Training Council. Mr. Hodson addressed the Board and stated that the Council has completed its review of the Utah Fire and Rescue Academy and found that they are complying with the contract in every facet and they are going over and above in many areas.

**Item #4** on the agenda was report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council. Chief Spencer addressed the Board and stated that the July meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will be the 23<sup>st</sup> of September at UFRA.

**Item #5** on the agenda was report to the Board by Ryan Perkins, Chair, Hazardous Materials Advisory Council. Mr. Perkins stated that the Council met in August. He stated that they do have representative from UDOT on the council and that they were developing a traffic incident management and safety class. He stated that they would also be holding their second HAZMAT incident management class starting the following week, which is full at this time. The next council meeting is scheduled for November.

**Item #6** on the agenda was a report to the Board by Utah State Fire Marshal Coy Porter on the progress of appointing new members to the Fire Prevention Board. As Marshal Porter was not yet at the meeting, this report was made by Chief Deputy Black. He stated that Chief Higgs has been appointed to represent counties of the first class, and additional names have been submitted to represent counties of the other classes. The decision for the appointments is now up to the Governor.

**Item #7** on the agenda was a presentation to the Board by Hugh Conner, Director, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, concerning COLA and other budget issues, if needed, for the 2016-2017 and future budgets. Report actually made by Bill Pranger of UFRA instead of Director Connor. He stated that their approved budget is always one year behind COLA adjustments made for the rest of the state. Thus, since last year the budgetary increase was denied by the state auditors. And with the last two years of COLA increases for higher education, that has created a budgetary deficit of \$72,000 for UFRA and they have had to use some of the operating budget to compensate for that deficit. They are requesting an ongoing increase of \$72,500 to the budget to cover that increased cost. Board Member Poulsen made a motion to approve this ongoing increase to the budget for UFRA. Motion was seconded by Board Member Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

**Item #8** on the agenda was a presentation to the Board by Scott Adams, Chair, Fire Marshals Code Committee, making recommendation on adoption of the 2013 edition of the NFPA 13, 13R, 13D, and 72, with amendments, as referenced in Utah Code Annotated 15A. Chief Adams stated that as many jurisdictions have already adopted these code amendments for fire sprinklers and alarms, the committee feels it would be good for the state to adopt them as well. Chief Adams explained the various amendments to the fire alarm and sprinkler codes. Board Member Miller asked if the requirement of where the exterior alarms are placed could be more specific and not just (AHJ) in order to make it more uniform. Chief Adams agreed that they could add that. Motion made by Board Member Miller to make these recommendations to the legislature to adopt the 2013 edition of the NFPA 13, 13R, 13D, and 72, with amendments, as referenced in Utah Code Annotated 15A. Motion seconded by Board Member Humphreys. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item #9** on the agenda was a presentation to the Board by Ron Farr, Regional Representative for Underwriters Laboratory's, updating the Board on CO alarm and detection technology, and the testing UL is doing to insure firefighter safety. Mr. Farr addressed the Board and stated that UL is a global company based in Northbrook, Illinois but with offices throughout the world. It was founded in 1894 and owns and publishes roughly 1,400 listing standards for various products and affix about 22 billion UL marks on products every year. He stated that they had been working on smoke alarms/detectors as well as CO alarms/detectors and would be willing to give any help or advise to the state regarding those issues.

**Items #10** on the agenda was a presentation to the Board by the Salt Lake Valley Training Alliance. The presenter for this agenda item did not attend the meeting so this item was tabled at this time.

**Item #11** on the agenda was Old Business. There was no Old Business.

**Item #12** on the agenda was New Business:

- Report from Ted Black, Chief Deputy, Utah State Fire Marshal, on the 2015 fireworks season. Chief Deputy stated that this fireworks season was very average. 65 incidents were reported to date and an estimated \$93,500 in damages. Board Member Humphreys asked a question regarding fireworks storage, primarily by fire departments. Chief Deputy Black responded that information had been sent out to the various departments regarding required safety and storage of those fireworks. There had been one incident that he was aware of that two people had been injured but had not heard anything further from ATF at this time. Everyone has made an effort to comply with ATF standards from the suppliers and the various fire departments.

**Item #13** on the agenda was that the next Board Meeting will be November 10, 2015, beginning 8:30 A.M., South Salt Lake City Hall, Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue (2430 South), South Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. Motion to adjourn made by Board Member Humphreys, motion seconded by Board Member Poulsen, motion carried and the meeting adjourned.